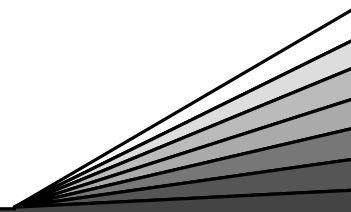


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Dear John,

I am delighted to convey the SAC's formal support for your preproposal for a High-Resolution Powder Diffractometer at the APS. The SAC must review your formal proposal prior to DOE's decision deadline. This proposal could be what you sent to DOE, with cover material formally addressing the issue raised by the SAC. Please submit this to Susan Strasser in electronic form before March 15, 2003.

Regards,

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